

Environmentally Sound Disposal Options for Cellular Phones and Rechargeable Batteries

Printed wiring boards, batteries and liquid-crystal displays of cellular phones, although benign for the consumer and environment while in use, pose environmental threat if improperly disposed of. Below please find a summary of proper disposal/donation options for cellular phones, batteries and accessories (e.g. chargers and adapters). Please make sure that that the wireless services for the phones being disposed of are deactivated prior to disposal/donation.

<u>Phone Disposal.</u> The following programs and organizations accept **any brand/service provider cellular phones, working and non-working, batteries and accessories at no cost** to Agencies.

Program Name	Quantity accepted	Donation/Disposal Instructions	Notes	For more information
Call to Protect: Wireless Phones for Domestic Safety	Any	 Mail the phone, battery, recharger and other accessories to: CALL to PROTECT; c/o Motorola; 1580 E. Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 Drop off the phone, battery and accessories at a collection center – see website for locations Start your own Call to Protect collection center – see website for more information 	The phones will be refurbished and resold or properly disposed of. The program benefits potential victims of domestic violence. The donation is tax-deductible, the value is determined by the donor.	http://www.wirelessfoundation.org/ 12give/index2.cfm
CollectiveGood, Inc	Any	Mail the phone to CollectiveGood International, 4508 Bibb Blvd., Suite B-10, Tucker, GA 30084 (include a completed form found on the website stating which charity your donation should benefit).	The phones will be refurbished and resold or properly disposed of. The program benefits over 20 charities – see the website to choose the one to send the proceeds to. The donation is tax-deductible.	http://www.collectivegood.com 770-856-9021
Verison Wireless' HopeLine	Any	 Mail the phone to: HopeLine Program; c/o Verizon Wireless, 1776 E. Ellsworth Road; Ann Arbor, MI 48108. Drop off the phone at any authorized Verizon Wireless store – click on store locator on VerizonWireless.com to find the closest one. 	The phones will be refurbished and resold or properly disposed of. The program benefits victims of domestic violence.	http://www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline 1-800-426-2790
Funding Factory	Any	 Register at http://www.fundingfactory.com and receive a free pre-paid UPS shipping box for the phones Once the box is full, return it to Funding Factory 	The phones will be refurbished and resold or properly disposed of. A list of accepted phones is available on the website. The donor or the beneficiary of choice will receive a certain number of points for each phone. The points can be redeemed for electronics, sports equipment, etc. through Funding Factory. Similar program for empty toner cartridges is available.	http://www.fundingfactory.com 1-888-883-8237

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ReCellular, Inc	Over 100 handsets	Agencies must use their own containers to collect the phones. ReCellular, Inc. will provide collection/shipping guidelines and a pickup service.	The phones will be refurbished and resold or properly disposed of. The organization will receive a payment for the phones based on the value of the handsets collected. The proceeds can also be donated to a charity of choice.	Http://www.recellular.com (734) 205-2250 Contact: Jennifer Chambers

Any AT & T Wireless store will accept used AT & T Wireless phones from consumers at the time of purchase of new phones. To organize an Agency-wide exchange program for used AT & T phones when purchasing new ones, contact Ty Taft at (617) 794-2045.

Rechargeable Battery Disposal

- Working and non-working batteries can be dropped off free of charge at any authorized Verizon Wireless store.
- For information on organizing rechargeable battery collection at your agency visit the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) website at www.rbrc.org/bpa/ or contact Cheryl Lofrano-Zaske at RBRC at 877-723-1297 x21.

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